

Wright Laura  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4** UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Wright Laura

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO  
[LUV]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
12/15/2009

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
SR VP FINANCE & CFO

SOUTHWEST AIRLINES  
CO., 2702 LOVE FIELD DRIVE  
  
(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

DALLAS, TX 75235-1611

(City) (State) (Zip)

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Price   |  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 12/15/2009                           |  | M                              | 6,000   | A \$ 10.35  | 36,945 <sup>(1)</sup>                                    | D   |
| Common Stock                    | 12/15/2009                           |  | S                              | 1,100   | D \$ 10.8   | 35,845   | D   |
| Common Stock                    | 12/15/2009                           |  | S                              | 3,399   | D \$ 10.804   | 32,446   | D   |
| Common Stock                    | 12/15/2009                           |  | S                              | 1,501   | D \$ 10.802   | 30,945   | D   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   | 8,859 <sup>(2)</sup>                                     | I By ProfitSharing                                    |

Plan

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|--|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)       | \$ 10.35   | 12/15/2009                           |  | M                              | 6,000  | <sup>(3)</sup> 01/19/2010                                | Common Stock  | 6,000                         |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                     |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer             | Other |
| Wright Laura<br>SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO.<br>2702 LOVE FIELD DRIVE<br>DALLAS, TX 75235-1611 |               |           | SR VP FINANCE & CFO |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Marilyn Post on behalf of and as attorney-in-fact for Laura H. Wright

12/16/2009

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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Holdings include shares acquired since the Reporting Person's last Form 4 in exempt transactions pursuant to a dividend reinvestment feature of the Company's Employee Stock Purchase Plan.

- (2) Holdings reflect shares previously acquired in exempt transactions under the Issuer's ProfitSharing Plan. The information reported herein is based on the most recently available plan statement.
- (3) The option vested in installments and was 100% vested at the time of exercise.

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